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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket 05-261: Ex Parte Presentation in Support of
Fones4All Petition for Expedited Forbearance**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am President of the *Federacion de Clubes Jaliscienses* ("Federation"). Formed in 1990, the Federation is a voluntary philanthropic grass roots civic organization representing over 114 member clubs that provide social services to recent immigrants to Los Angeles from Jalisco, Mexico. Affiliated with the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles, the Federation represents over 1 million émigrés from the Mexican state of Jalisco who now live and work in metropolitan Los Angeles. The Federation, along with more than 30 other similar Mexican federations, operate in concert with the Mexican Consulate to assist native-born Mexicans with transition from their home state to their new homes in the United States by providing basic social services, conducting philanthropic projects in Jalisco, such as providing ambulances and funding for orphanages, and providing news and information to members about how to obtain basic services and utilities in California, including telephone service, as well as informing members of the availability of public programs like the Lifeline program. Accordingly, I am writing to urge the Commission to grant the above referenced petition of Fones4All Corporation ("Fones4All") as quickly as possible.

Non-white low income consumers are much less likely to have access to telephone service in California and the rest of the United States. Indeed, many of our members struggle to adapt to life in this country without one of the most basic of tools of modern life: a telephone to call an ambulance, a child's school, a potential employer, or family members in Mexico. Instead, many of our members are forced to rely on over-priced calling cards, or pre-paid services from predatory companies, or to simply go without phone service. At the same time that thousands of our members are without basic wireline telephone service, the Commission's Lifeline program currently enrolls only one-third of the households

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who are eligible for assistance, and the program's goals remain unmet.¹ The status quo is unacceptable and therefore the Federation agrees with Commissioner Abernathy, that "it is essential that we take all possible steps to ensure that low-income users are not barred from utilizing available support on the basis of the specific technologies they wish to use or the specific business plans pursued by their service providers."²

Accordingly, we urge the Commission to expeditiously grant Fones4All's petition. Grant of this relief will go a great distance in helping the Commission meet its goal of expanding participation of eligible consumers in the Lifeline program, including many of our members, by allowing competitors to provide their valuable services. Accordingly, we urge you to grant the Fones4All petition with out delay.

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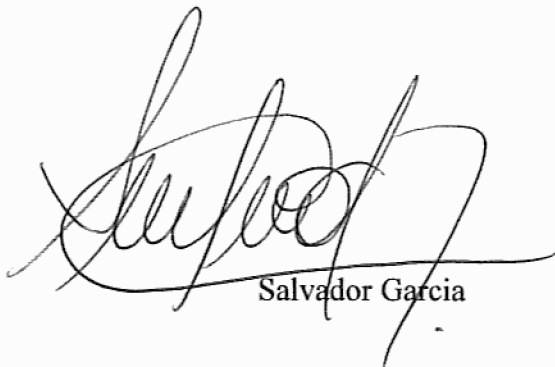
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Respectfully submitted,

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See Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket 03-109, FCC 04-87 at ¶ 1 (Apr. 29, 2004) ("April 2004 Universal Service Order").